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10 IN RE APPLICATION OF: GIUFFRIDA, ET AL.  
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TITLE: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY  
EXTRACTING METADATA FROM ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS  
15 USING SPATIAL RULES

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Dear Examiner:

25 This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 1, 2005, having a statutory response period extending through and including February 1, 2006. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider the Remarks made below. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

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